DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA + + + + + ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD + + + + + MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Rappahannock Oyster Bar, LLC *
t/a Rappahannock Oyster Bar * Fact Finding
1309 5th Street NE, WDC * Hearing
Event: Oyster Festival *
Event Date: 10/18/2015 *
License No. 89982 *
Request for a One Day *
Substantial Change to License *

September 17, 2015

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., Chairperson Ruthanne Miller presiding.

PRESENT:

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, Member JAMES SHORT, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Abyie Ghenene, Investigator, ABRA Vernon Leftwich, Investigator, ABRA Jean Paul Sabatier

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	(10:47 a.m.)
3	MR. SABATIER: Good morning.
4	(Off the record comments)
5	CHAIR MILLER: Okay, you're here for
6	Rappahannock Oyster Bar?
7	MR. SABATIER: Yes, that's correct.
8	CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Could you
9	introduce yourself for the record?
10	MR. SABATIER: Yes. My name is Jean
11	Paul Sabatier representing the D.C. Oyster Fest
12	by Rappahannock Oyster Bar.
13	CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Why don't the
14	investigators introduce themselves again for the
15	record.
16	INVESTIGATOR GHENENE: ABRA
17	Investigator Abyie Ghenene.
18	INVESTIGATOR LEFTWICH: ABRA
19	Investigator Vernon Leftwich.
20	CHAIR MILLER: Okay.
21	(Off the record comments)
22	CHAIR MILLER: Okay, so this is an

1	application for a substantial change, correct?
2	MR. SABATIER: Yes.
3	CHAIR MILLER: For an Oyster Festival?
4	MR. SABATIER: Right.
5	CHAIR MILLER: And is it going to be
6	at 1309 5th Street, NE?
7	MR. SABATIER: That's correct. It's
8	located in the Dock 5 space above Union Market.
9	CHAIR MILLER: The space above Union
10	Market?
11	MR. SABATIER: Yes.
12	CHAIR MILLER: Okay. So you have an
13	oyster bar anyway?
14	MR. SABATIER: That's correct. We
15	have Rappahannock Oyster Bar located at Union
16	Market Proper.
17	CHAIR MILLER: It's located
18	MR. SABATIER: Right. It's right on
19	the side of the market.
20	CHAIR MILLER: Yes.
21	MR. SABATIER: We're just going up to
22	the second story.

1	CHAIR MILLER: Oh, okay, good. So
2	you're going to have a festival October 18th?
3	MR. SABATIER: Sunday, October 18th,
4	yes.
5	CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Twelve to 5:00?
6	MR. SABATIER: Twelve to 5:00.
7	CHAIR MILLER: All right. Now is this
8	your first?
9	MR. SABATIER: No, this is our second.
10	CHAIR MILLER: Okay.
11	MR. SABATIER: Last year it was
12	September 9th I believe.
13	CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Any problems
14	last year?
15	MR. SABATIER: No, ma'am.
16	CHAIR MILLER: Is anything different
17	this year?
18	MR. SABATIER: Just basically just
19	different vendors and then we also have a couple
20	more people joining us. Last year we were hoping
21	to have 650 people and we ended up selling 700,

We actually had to turn people away so 1 2 we are trying to like make it a little bit bigger, make it a little bit more approachable 3 and available so we'll have more people that 4 wanted to join us. 5 CHAIR MILLER: So the space is big 6 7 enough to accommodate more people? MR. SABATIER: The space is big enough 8 9 to accommodate 1500 people, we're shooting for 10 1400. 11 CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Is it buy a ticket or anything or are people just coming? 12 13 MR. SABATIER: Yes, it's a ticketed Adults are \$35 for entrance and then kids 14 15 are free entrance. 16 CHAIR MILLER: Okay. So does the \$35 17 pay for anything more than entrance? 18 MR. SABATIER: So it includes your 19 first six oysters and then it also includes the 20 first drink for the day, either beer or wine. CHAIR MILLER: Okay, great. And how 21 22 many security do you have?

MR. SABATIER: We will have one for 1 2 every hundred. We are using the company Metropolitan Security which is the one that Union 3 Market at Dock 5 typically uses. 4 CHAIR MILLER: One per hundred? 5 MR. SABATIER: Yes. 6 7 CHAIR MILLER: Okay. So you're having other food vendors and craft vendors, is that it? 8 9 MR. SABATIER: I'm sorry? Food vendors --10 CHAIR MILLER: 11 MR. SABATIER: Oh, food vendors, yes. We'll have both local foodmakers, so everything 12 13 from like Red Apron, Gordy's Pickles, people that are making food locally in D.C. as well as local 14 15 beer and winemakers. So we'll have Early Mountain Vineyard 16 come in, 3 Stars, all of the local beer and wine 17 18 friends that we've made in the past. And then 19 we'll also be hosting Capitoline Vermouth, which 20 is the new vermouth wine by Green Hat Distillery. Okay. 21 CHAIR MILLER: So I wasn't sure 22 but I thought you might have said you were having

1	some crafts, too, craft
2	MR. SABATIER: Oh, for like
3	activities?
4	CHAIR MILLER: Yes, to buy or to
5	MR. SABATIER: No. It's to make for
6	kids. We're going to have
7	CHAIR MILLER: Oh, crafts for kids.
8	MR. SABATIER: Yes, so we'll have like
9	a tie-dye making station, we'll have the D.C.
10	Oyster Festival logo on a white shirt, kids will
11	be able to come in and tie-dye their own t-
12	shirts.
13	We'll also have like a flower crown
14	making area. It's supposed to be
15	MEMBER SHORT: Woodstock.
16	MR. SABATIER: So we're doing a couple
17	of things like that.
18	CHAIR MILLER: Okay. All right, other
19	Board Members have questions?
20	MEMBER SHORT: Yes.
21	CHAIR MILLER: Mr. Short?
22	MEMBER SHORT: So you did go through

1	the Mayor's Events?
2	MR. SABATIER: The what?
3	MEMBER SHORT: Did you go through
4	Mayor's Special Events Committee?
5	MR. SABATIER: No, because it's our
6	My understanding was it's a private, it's inside
7	of Union Market, so
8	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Are you using
9	propane or tents?
10	MR. SABATIER: No. There will be
11	It's all inside of the Dock 5 space, so there is
12	no tents that will be used.
13	MEMBER SHORT: Okay.
14	MR. SABATIER: And then all of like
15	oysters shucking fresh and then
16	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. So everything
17	can be within the building itself?
18	MR. SABATIER: Yes.
19	MEMBER SHORT: So you'll be using the
20	exterior and interior?
21	MR. SABATIER: Well the exterior is
22	minimal. There is a small, little veranda patio,

1	which is where we're going to station some
2	additional like oyster shucking stations or I
3	think we'll also put We don't have like the
4	specific drink plan for that space, but not that
5	there will probably be an additional beer vendor
6	that's located on that patio area.
7	MEMBER SHORT: So security you have,
8	how many security?
9	MR. SABATIER: We'll have So we're
10	using the Metropolitan Security. There is going
11	to probably about, as of right now, 15 to 20 and
12	then there is also additional security located
13	inside of Union Market as well monitoring the
14	market itself.
15	MEMBER SHORT: So a total number?
16	MR. SABATIER: Twenty.
17	MEMBER SHORT: Twenty?
18	MR. SABATIER: Yes.
19	MEMBER SHORT: And how many people
20	total?
21	MR. SABATIER: Well we're expecting to
22	sell about 1400 tickets, but we are not expecting

1	to have more than 700 people at the same time at
2	the event.
3	It's an event that you are coming in
4	and out of constantly.
5	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Is MPD notified
6	of your event?
7	MR. SABATIER: No.
8	MEMBER SHORT: Are you going to do
9	that?
10	MR. SABATIER: Again, because it was
11	private I was under the impression, or they had
12	told me that because we're using a third-party
13	security
14	MEMBER SHORT: I would think that the
15	ANC and MPD would like be notified.
16	MR. SABATIER: Okay.
17	MEMBER SHORT: What date is your
18	event?
19	MR. SABATIER: September 18th.
20	MEMBER SHORT: So you have a couple
21	days.
22	MR. SABATIER: Yes.

1	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Just talk with
2	our counsel, she'll tell you how to do that.
3	MR. SABATIER: Okay.
4	MEMBER SHORT: That's all I have Madam
5	Chair.
6	CHAIR MILLER: Okay. Other Board
7	Members? Investigators? Yes, Mr. Leftwich?
8	INVESTIGATOR LEFTWICH: Okay. Will
9	there be hard liquor, sir?
10	MR. SABATIER: We will have one
11	station, Commonwealth Gin, which is owned by our
12	company as well, it's a distillery, and they'll
13	be serving one type of gin punch.
14	INVESTIGATOR LEFTWICH: Okay.
15	MR. SABATIER: But that's Yes, that
16	will be the only one because they are pushing out
17	a new gin.
18	INVESTIGATOR LEFTWICH: I understand.
19	And in regards to, as you said it was a
20	children's event, were the children or the
21	adult's or somebody labeled, is it handstamped or
22	is it

1	MR. SABATIER: So there are wristbands
2	that will be for adults over 21. Those will be
3	given out at the initial checkpoint at the
4	entrance, and then there will be kids bands as
5	well that are visibly kids, will be labeled
6	either kid or under 21.
7	CHAIR MILLER: Anything else?
8	MEMBER SHORT: No.
9	CHAIR MILLER: So you did this last
10	year
11	MR. SABATIER: Yes.
12	CHAIR MILLER: No real problems?
13	MR. SABATIER: No.
14	CHAIR MILLER: So you're pretty
15	familiar with the venue and everything like that?
16	MR. SABATIER: Yes.
17	CHAIR MILLER: Okay, all right. I
18	don't have any further questions. Anything else?
19	(No audible response)
20	CHAIR MILLER: Okay, sounds good then.
21	I'm going to move to approve
22	MEMBER SHORT: And that's going to be

1	with the condition that he's going to work
2	through our counsel, Martha Jenkins, to get
3	notified ANC and the MPD.
4	CHAIR MILLER: Okay.
5	MEMBER SHORT: So the community will
6	be aware.
7	CHAIR MILLER: Yes, right. I don't
8	think we have to put it on the, you know
9	MEMBER SHORT: No, no.
10	CHAIR MILLER: Okay. It's an
11	understanding and she is right here to help you
12	out. Okay, then I'll move to approve.
13	MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Second.
14	CHAIR MILLER: Mr. Rodriguez seconded
15	the motion. All those in favor say aye.
16	(Multiple ayes)
17	CHAIR MILLER: All those opposed?
18	(No audible answer)
19	CHAIR MILLER: All those abstaining?
20	(No audible answer)
21	CHAIR MILLER: Motion passes, 3-0-0.
22	(Off the record comments)

1	CHAIR MILLER: Okay, thank you very
2	much. I hope you have a great event.
3	MR. SABATIER: Thank you very much.
4	CHAIR MILLER: Okay.
5	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
6	went off the record at 10:56 a.m.)
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